Stopping the Export of Cotton

192. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MAAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton growers of the country have been denied the right of free market by banning the export of cotton;

(b) what is the price of cotton in the world market at present and their prices in India;

(c) the reasons for the difference between the prices of cotton in the world market and in India.

(d) what was the production of cotton during the last year; and

(e) in what way the banning of cotton export is commensurate with the policy of liberalisation of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached, (Sec below)

(c) High world market prices arc due to short cotton crop in some major producing countries.

(d) The production of cotton during the year 1992-93 was 135.00 lakh bales of 170 Kg. each.

(e) The Government has suspended the export of cotton with effect from 18th January, 1994 as a temporary measure in view of the sharp rise in the prices of cotton.

Statement

Prices of Domestic Varieties of Cotton and the Equivalent International Varities.
(As on 15-2-94)

(Prices in Rs. per candy)

Equivalent International cotton varieties	Prices in International Market	Equivalent Domestic Varieties	Prices of Domestic Market
USA CALIF ACALA	21.668	SHANKAR-6	I7.900
USA CALIF ARIZO	20.684	H-4 A	16.200
USA ORIN TEXAS SLM	20,192	J-34 SG	16.000
WEST AFRICA	20.561	H-4 A	16.200
CENTRAL ASIAN	20.684	H-4 A	16.200
AUSTRALIAN	20.807	H-4 A	16.200
SYRIAN	21.176	H-4 A	16.200
TANZANIAN	21.053	H-4 A	I6.200

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के अंतर्गत आने वाली कपड़ा मिलें

193. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के अन्तर्गत इस समय चलने वाली कपड़ा मिलों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान लाभ कमाने वाली तथा घाटे में चलने वाली मिलों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं; और

(ग) इन दो वर्षों अर्थात् 1991-92 तथा 1992-93 के दौरान राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम ने कुल कितना व्यापार किया?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी॰ वेंकट स्वामी): (क) और (ख) इस समय एन टी सी के पास 124 मिलें हैं जिनमें से 2 मिलें पुनः चालू नहीं की गई हैं। वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान इन सभी 124 मिलों के निवल घाटे उठाए हैं। वर्ष 1991-92 में निम्नलिखित 9 मिलों ने निवल लाभ कमाया है:—

1. बर्शी टेक्सटाइल मिल्स
2. अगप्पा टेक्सटाइल मिल्स
3. कृष्णा वेणी मिल्स

4. पंकजा मिल्स

5. पलनामवर्मा टेक्सटाइल मिल्स

6. कालीश्वरर "बी" यूनिट

7. कोयम्बटूर मुरुगन

8. सोमसुन्दरम मिल्स

9. पोद्दार प्रोसेसर्स

वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान भी अन्य सभी 115 मिलों ने घाटा उठाया है।

(ग) वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान एन टी सी ने क्रमशः 1340.73 करोड़ रु० तथा 1085.42 करोड़ रु० का कारोबार किया था।

Closure of Handlooms/Powerloom Due to Rise in Cotton Prices

194. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: DR. JITNEDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of cotton have risen by nearly 37 percent during the period from 1st January, 1993 to 28th December, 1993;

(b) if not, what are Government's estimates in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several handloom industries and powerloom units in various regions of the country have been forced to stop production due to this price rise;

(d) if so, whether Government have assessed the production and domestic requirements of cotton 1991-92 and 1992-93; if so, the quantities thereof; and

(e) what immediate and long term steps have been taken by Government during the above period to keep control over the prices of cotton in the country and what are the results thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (b) The prices of cotton during the period from 1-1-93 to 28-12-93 and % in increase is as under:—

Prices per candy (in Rs.)

Variety	1-1-93	28-12-93	% increase
J-34 SG	8,250	12,000	45.45
F-414 (SG)	9,500	13*100	37.89
H-4 MP (A)	9,400	12,600	34.04
S-6 (B)	10,350	14.400	39.13
MCU-5 (B)	14,000	16,500	17.86
DCH-32 (C)	16,000	22,000	37.5

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The details of production and domestic requirements of cotton as assessed by the Cotton Advisory Board during 1991-92 and 1992-93 was as under:—

Particulars	1991-92	1992-93
SUPPLY		
Opening Stocks.	22.64	32.78
Crop Production.	119.00	135.00
Imports.	3.00	0.80